

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 37, as set forth in item 27 on page 9 of the Office Action. By the foregoing amendment, Claim 37 has been rewritten to place it in independent form, while Claims 33, 34, 39-43 and 47 have been amended to depend on Claim 37. Accordingly, all of the latter claims are now believed to be allowable. Moreover, aside from the latter claims, all remaining claims of record have been cancelled, so that this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that the cancellation of Claims 25-28, 30, 31, 35, 36, 38, 45, 46 and 48 as provided herein is without prejudice to Applicants' right to further pursue those claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, Claims 25 and 48, together with their dependent claims, are contained in such a continuation filed concurrently herewith.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in consideration for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 037256.58133US).

Respectfully submitted,

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